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In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicants hereby attach U.S. Patent Office form PTO-1449, including copies of the references not already of record. These references were cited in the corresponding PCT application. Enclosed are copies of the International Search Report and Written Opinion. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

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In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a copy of the PCT Search Report and Written Opinion by a foreign examiner in which the

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e) ACCOMPANYING Docket No. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT **DEI 00.01** In Re Application Of: MAR 2 4 2003 MEYER et al. Group Art Unit Serial No. Filing Date Examiner 09/373,011 **December 14, 2000** Invention: **Bar Coded Bill Payment System and Method** TC 1700 TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: This is a statement under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(e) in the above-identified application. **RECEIVED** JUN 2 7 2003 Check applicable statement herebelow: **GROUP 3600** Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1) Each item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2) □ No item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned person, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Dated: March 18, 2003 Kevin M. Drucker Certificate of Mailing by First Class Mail Registration No. 47,537 I certify that this document is being deposited on HAYES SOLOWAY P.C. meh 18,2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first 130 W. Cushing Street class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Tucson, Arizona 85701 Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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